Contractual Production of Pulses

676. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI O.P. KOHLI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have contractual production of several pulses in foreign countries to augment the availability of pluses and to contain their price rise in the country;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the existing production of pulses in the country is not upto the mark; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to boost production of pulses rather than having contractuals with foreign countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) There is no such decision.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes Sir, production of pulses has been less than target.

(d) To increase production of pulses a Centrally Sponsored National Pulses Development Project is under implementation in 26 States/U.T. Under this project, farmers are assisted for production and distribution of seeds, sprinklers, Rhizobial & PSB culture, improved farm implements, dal processors and storage bins etc. In addition demonstrations are also organised on the farmers field to propagate the improved production technology.

State-Level Minorities' Finance and Development Corporations

677. CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the States where State-level Minorities' Finance and Development Corporations have since been set up; in which years each of these was set up;

(b) what is the total amount of the loans given each year after the setting up of these corporations; and

(c) what is the amount of the bank loans given each year and how many persons benefited from this?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka & Uttar Pradesh have so far set up State Minorities Finance & Development Corporations on the dates mentioned against them:—

(i) Andhra Pradesh State Minorities Finance Corporation Ltd. on 19.1.1985.

(ii) Bihar State Minorities Financial Corporation Ltd. on 24.12.1983.

(iii) Karnataka Minorities Development Corporation Ltd. on 7.2.1986.

(iv) Uttar Pradesh Alp Sankhyak Vittiya Avam Vikas Nigam Ltd. on 17.11.1984.

(b) The information is given in the annexed Statement. (*See* below)

(c) The information is given in the Annexure [See Appendix 174, Annexure No. 22]